# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS) was created in 1974 to consolidate South Dakota's individual public retirement systems into one major multi-employer public employee retirement system; and,

***Whereas***, Since its establishment, the mission of the South Dakota Retirement System has been to plan, implement and administer income replacement programs that give SDRS members and their families the opportunity to achieve financial security at retirement, death or disability by providing an outstanding, appropriate and equitable level of benefits; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota Retirement System presently serves over 65,000 current and former employees from over 460 employers that include schools, the state, Regents, municipal, county and special units of government employees; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota Retirement System has provided former public employees and their spouses or children approximately $2,000,000,000 in benefit payments over the past 30 years; and,

***Whereas***, The South Dakota Retirement System has provided prudent benefit administration; has received continuous support from SDRS participating employers, including the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government; and has received outstanding investment performance by the South Dakota Investment Council; all resulting in a very cost effective and financially secure public employee retirement system; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper to recognize and commend the South Dakota Retirement System for 30 years of dedication and commitment to the public employees of South Dakota:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds,*** Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, as the

## *THIRTIETH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State